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SUBJECT: HIZBE-ISLAMI MAKES SECOND APPROACH

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1. GUL BADEEN, AN AFGHAN RESIDENT IN PESHAWAR WHO CLAIMS TO BE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF A RIGHT-WING AFGHAN PARTY NAMED HIZBE-ISLAMI, PAID HIS SECOND VISIT TO THE EMBASSY JUNE 12. ON HIS FIRST VISIT (REFTEL) BADEEN HAD DELIVERED A LETTER CLAIMING PROOF OF SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE RECENT AFGHAN COUP, AND HE MADE A PITCH FOR USG SUPPORT FOR HIS MOVEMENT. ON THIS TRIP, BADEEN PASSED ALONG A LENGTHY REPORT ON THE COUP AND ALSO PRESENTED A LIST OF "REQUESTS"--INCLUDING MILITARY TRAINING AND ARMS SUPPLY--FOR THE "CONSIDERATION OF FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS." BOTH DOCUMENTS POUCHES TO KABUL, TEHRAN, AND DEPARTMENT (NEA/PAB).

2. EMBOFF REPEATED THE USG POSITION (REFTEL) TO BADEEN: THAT THE US WAS NOT, IS, AND WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED
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IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AFGHANISTAN.

3. BADEEN CLAIMS THAT THE HIZBE-ISLAMI WAS BEHIND THE RECENT ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTION IN PAKTIA PROVINCE; HE ALSO CLAIMS THAT THE PARTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF A GASOLINE DUMP IN JALALLABAD "THREE OR FOUR DAYS AGO." HE SAID THAT ANTI-GOVERNMENT FIGHTING WOULD SOON START IN THE KONAR AREA.

4. BADEEN ALSO INTRODUCED EMBOFF TO ABDUL KADIR, AN ARTICULATE YOUNG MAN WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE "ESCAPED" FROM AFGHANISTAN THREE WEEKS AGO ALONG WITH 600 OTHER PEOPLE. KADIR SAYS HE IS NOW LIVING IN THE TRIBAL AREA ON THE PAK SIDE OF THE BORDER. KADIR SAYS THAT HE IS ORGANIZING RESISTANCE TO THE TARAQI GOVERNMENT, BUT HAS HAD NO HELP AS YET FROM THE GOP AS, HE NOTES, "THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS".

5. BEGIN COMMENT: WE HAVE INSTRUCTED EMBOFF WHO HAS BEEN TARGET OF THESE REPORTS AND REQUESTS TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER CONTACT WITH BADEEN AND KADIR, LEST THEY OR GOP DRAW WRONG CONCLUSIONS FROM PERIODIC CONTACTS. BSD COMMENT.

6. RELATED SUBJECT: AMCONSUL PESHAWAR REPORTS HAVING LEARNED FROM A LANDLORD FROM A TRIBAL VILLAGE NEAR BARA THAT SOME REFUGEES FROM THE AFGHAN SIDE OF THE DURAND LINE ARE TURNING UP IN THAT AREA (I.E. THE KHYBER AGENCY). NUMBER SAID TO BE IN THE HUNDREDS, AND CONSUL ASSUMES THEY ARE AFRIDIS OR CLOSELY ALLIED KHN S. HE REPORTS HEARING THE SAME STORIES FROM THE WAZIRISTAN AREA AND THAT SOME OF THE "VISITORS" ARE MULLAHS WHO ALLEGE THEY HAVE HAD THEIR BEARDS SHAVED OFF BY THE AFGHAN ARMY. CONSUL IS UNABLE TO AUTHENTICATE OR EVALUATE THESE REPORTS BUT PASSES THEM ON AS REPRESENTATIVE, AT LEAST, OF WHAT CONFIDENTIAL

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"THE SIMPLER PATHANS THINK IS HAPPENING IN AFGHANISTAN."
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